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gressional Record is the nearest approach to the use of natural gas as a fuel. But when there shall be need of such learning, we recommend Mr. Bryan's book to the Virginia bar.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF THE CONTRACT OF PLEDGE, as Governed by both the Common Law and the Civil Law. By Henry Denis, of the New Orleans bar, Professor of Civil Law at the Tulane University of Louisiana. New Orleans: F. F. Hansell & Bro., Ltd. 1898. (619 pp.)

We have experienced a genuine pleasure in the perusal of this work of Professor Denis. The book is unique, so far as we are aware, in treating its subject exhaustively from the standpoint of both the common and the civil law. There is evidence throughout the volume that the author mastered his theme before rushing into print. The work is not a bare compilation of principles and authorities, but a philosophical treatise, learned enough to satisfy the theorist or academician, and yet eminently practical, even to minute details.

The author, though a civil lawyer, appears to be equally at home on the common law side of his subject, and to be as familiar with the common law text-writers and cases as with the civil law writers. He has succeeded admirably in carrying the two systems along together, without jar or confusion. His critical comparison of the principles as accepted under either system—his justification or condemnation of the one or the other, with reasoning to which one easily assents—together with the author's pleasing and vigorous style, render the volume peculiarly interesting and give it unusual value.

The common law practitioner will find in the volume the common law learning of the subject of the pledge fully presented. And as much of our law of the pledge was borrowed from the civil law, the common lawyer could not do better, where precedent is lacking, than to follow the guidance of the civil law on this subject. The book will be found highly useful to the Virginia lawyers, and we are glad to call their attention to it.

GENERAL ORDERS AND FORMS IN BANKRUPTCY. Adopted and established by the Supreme Court of the United States, November 28, 1898. Washington Law Book Company. (Paper covers. 104 pp.)

This pamphlet contains in convenient form, on good paper and in excellent type, the rules and forms in bankruptcy, established by the United States Supreme Court, in pursuance of the Act of Congress. Both the orders and forms are well indexed.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

We acknowledge receipt of the following volumes. They will be noticed more at length hereafter:

A PRELIMINARY TREATISE ON EVIDENCE AT THE COMMON LAW. By James Bradley Thayer, LL. D., Weld Professor of Law at Harvard University. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1898.

LECTURES ON THE FOURTEENTH ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. Delivered before the Dwight Alumni Association, New York, April-May, 1898. By William D. Guthrie, of the New York bar. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1898.

THE WAR REVENUE LAW OF 1898 EXPLAINED. By John M. Gould and Edward H. Savary. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1898. Cloth. \$1.25.

A TRUSTEE'S HANDBOOK. By Augustus Peabody Loring, A. B., LL. B. Harvard, of the Suffolk Bar. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1898. Cloth. \$1.50.